

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a CERT Member?

A CERT member is a person who is trained to prepare for and respond after a disaster in their neighborhood, business or school. A group of neighbors in a neighborhood, apartment complex, business, or similar residential area comprise a team. Persons not affiliated with a team may serve as individuals.

Who may join a CERT?

Anyone who is interested in helping his or her neighborhood, business or school prepare for a disaster and provide assistance afterward. Team training is preferred however persons may be trained even if they are not affiliated with a team.

Where can I get more information about the CERT Program?

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CERT WEBSITE RESOURCES:

Federal Emergency Management Agency:

<http://www.citizencorps.fema.gov/cert/index.shtml>

<https://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams>



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neighbors during a
DISASTER***



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An Introduction to CERT

Did you know...

- There is a very good chance that your neighborhood, business or school will be on its own during the early stages following a catastrophic disaster.
- After a catastrophic disaster, citizens will volunteer to help. Without proper training these people can expose themselves to potential injury and even death.
- Experience has shown that basic training in disaster survival and rescue skills improves the ability of citizens to survive until responders or other assistance arrives.



CITY OF MCMINNVILLE CERT PROGRAM

McMinnville Emergency Management has become part of a national network of CERT communities. A program has been developed that is designed to help neighborhoods, businesses and schools prepare for and respond after catastrophic disasters such as floods, earthquakes and other major emergencies.

Individuals completing the CERT training may be affiliated with one or more of the following teams:

- **Neighborhood CERT:** Neighbors serving immediate residential neighborhoods.
- **Business or Government CERT:** Co-workers serving places of business and surrounding areas, or county, municipal or state agency employees.
- **School CERT:** School faculty and staff serving school and surrounding area.
- **Faith-Based CERT:** Teams based at a house of worship serving the immediate neighborhood, or travel into areas that need assistance.
- **Youth CERT:** Organized service oriented groups, such as Civil Air Patrol, Scouts, and school-based clubs or classes.



CERT Course Content

The basic course will include those components necessary to get the team started and become capable of performing basic CERT functions. Each member must complete all 9 modules in the following areas to become certified:

- **Disaster Preparedness**
- **Fire Suppression**
- **Medical Operations (2)**
- **Light Search and Rescue**
- **Team Organization**
- **Disaster Psychology**
- **Terrorism Response**
- **Disaster Simulation**



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